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TANGOV WOULD PROBABLY REACT TO US MILITARY AID TO KENYA, SHOULD IT MATERIALIZE, WITH MIXED FEELINGS, BUT I DO NOT THINK THAT SUCH AID WOULD CAUSE US SERIOUS PROBLEMS HERE. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT KENYAN, TANZANIAN RELATIONS ARE FAR FROM PERFECT, LARGELY FOR ECONOMIC REASONS, AND WHILE TANGOV DEPLORES GENERALLY THE DIVERSION OF AFRICAN RESOURCES FROM DEVELOPMENT TO DEFENSE (AND WOULD CERTAINLY NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN AN ARMS RACE WITH KENYA), NYERERE AND OTHER TANZANIAN LEADERS CAN CERTAINLY APPRECIATE KENYA'S ROLE AS A STABILIZING FORCE IN EAST AFRICA. ON BALANCE, R BELIEVE THAT TANGOV WOULD VIEW MODEST BEEFING UP OF KENYAN MILITARY AS STRENGTHENING TANZANIAN SECURITY FROM IRRATIONAL REGIMES LIKE THAT OF UGANDA.

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